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Reply to Office Action dated May 1, 2006

REMARKS

In the present Office Action the Examiner states that Claims 1-19 are pending and were examined, Claims 1-19 are subject to a Restriction as noted below, no claims were allowed.

By this Amendment and Reply, no claims were amended, Claim 19 was canceled and no claims were added. Accordingly, Claims 1-18 remain pending for further examination. Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Amendment to Claims:

As noted above, Claim 19 has been canceled without prejudice and admission to resubmit the claim in another application.

Restriction Requirement:

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, stating that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

I. Claims 1-10, drawn to process for making a microedged shaving surface including steps of coating a surface of a substrate with a photoresist material, etching the photoresist material, and stripping the photoresist material, classified in class 73, subclass 104.1; and

II. Claims 11-19, drawn to a product as a microedged shaving surface including a substrate having a plurality of micro-protrusions projecting outwardly from the surface of the substrate and a plurality of microedged shaving elements carried by micro protrusions, classified in class 30, subclass 350.

Applicants hereby elect the invention disclosed in **Group II (Claims 11-18)** with traverse.

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Traversal:

Applicants note that MPEP Section 803 states that if a search and examination of all the claims of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner is encouraged to examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. In the present situation, no serious burden upon the Examiner is seen by examining all of the claims of the present application as originally filed at least since the Examiner's search with respect to the method for making a microedged shaving surface as recited in non-elected independent Claim 1 and the Examiner's search with respect to the microedged shaving surface as recited in independent Claim 11 would overlap.

Therefore, if the Examiner reaffirms this Requirement, Applicants elect **Group II**, which Applicants deem includes **Claims 11-18**, to be examined first. However, if the Examiner reconsiders the Requirement for the reason mentioned above, it is believed all of the now pending Claims 1-18 should be examined.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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